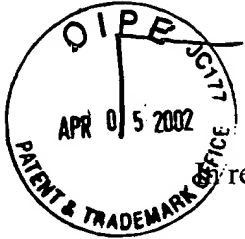


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Re Application of:
Simon Hastings Bittleston

Serial No: 09/893,234

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: Control Devices For Controlling
The Position Of A Marine Seismic
Streamer

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

Applicant files this Response to the Final Office Action mailed September 24, 2001
having a three-month period for response set to expire on December 24, 2001. The following
remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A control device for controlling the position of a marine seismic streamer,
the device comprising:

a body mechanically adapted to be connected in series between two adjacent sections
of the streamer;

sensor means in the body for determining its angular position in a plane approximately
perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the streamer;

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